REMARKS

In the Board decision mailed October 31, 2005, the Board affirmed the rejection of claims 1-6, 15, 22-30, 37-39, 74-76 and 100-105 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e). Accordingly, with this amendment, those claims have been cancelled. In addition, applicants have cancelled all remaining withdrawn claims (7, 13-14, 16-21, 31-36, 51-56, 64-72, 80-99 and 106).

Applicants have noted the reversals of the rejection of claims 40-42 and 45-46, and the rejection of claims 8-10, 43-44, 50 and 57-63. Claims 11-12 stand allowed, and claims 47-49 stand objected to as allowable but depending on a rejected claim. However, with the reversal of the rejection of claim 40, applicants submit that claims 47-49 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance with regard to remaining claims 8-12, 40-50 and 57-63.

Early notification of allowance is respectfully requested.

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